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(Minutes of OCh/G Staff Meeting, 1 February 1954)

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*1. [REDACTED] indicated that the present plans for the Geographic Area members of the ORR Team [REDACTED] are as follows:

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[REDACTED] is scheduled to return to duty in Washington at the end of his one year tour [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is scheduled to [REDACTED] for one additional year. It is tentatively planned that [REDACTED] of 25X1A9a D/GC will be the second member of the Geographic Area contingent on the ORR team next year.

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2. Staff Studies supporting the proposed missions for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been completed and are ready for the AD's signature.

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*3. The question of reorganization in D/GC resulting from the dissolution of the Territorial Studies Branch and the entire problem of CIA responsibilities for problems of boundary policy were discussed at some length. It is felt by some members of the staff that the responsibility for policy on the international boundary question is properly a Department of State function and that CIA should attempt to divest itself of this responsibility even though we realize that the Department of State does not presently have capabilities for fulfilling this responsibility. Questions of a routine nature on boundary alignment could probably be handled within D/GC, so that the removal of this responsibility from D/GC would not adversely affect the map production problems in the Cartography Division. This entire subject is to be studied further before definite action is taken.

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5. [REDACTED] indicated that he is interested in having worked out as definitely as possible a program of career development for each

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individual within the Geographic Area. This would involve an inventory of presently employed personnel, to include past experience, training, and records of on-the-job performance. Such an inventory would be an initial device for intelligent planning of future utilization of personnel, indicating desirable training to fill gaps in present qualifications and serving as a guide to rotation assignments or assignments of additional responsibility with the Geographic Area. It is planned that this inventory or survey of personnel will be well underway by the time [REDACTED] returns from Harvard.

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*6. The question of policy on inclusion of certain items in staff meeting minutes was raised again. It was decided that the minutes should be complete if they are to be of maximum usefulness, and that any items which should not be generally circulated among Division personnel should be marked by an asterisk. As a matter of standard procedure, each item discussed in the staff meeting will be indicated as appropriate or inappropriate for circulation at the time it is discussed.

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7. [REDACTED] spoke of the desirability of receiving, on a current and regular basis, Mission Reviews of all aerial photography accomplished by or for [REDACTED]. It was recommended that the following possible courses of action be used in exploring this possibility, in the order indicated:

(1) That an approach be made through the Liaison Division of OCD to the Air Force, to determine the extent and adequacy of such information now being received;

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(2) that the problem be presented to [REDACTED] of the 25X1A9a ORR team [REDACTED]

(3) that an individual be sent on a special [REDACTED] mission to [REDACTED] to check on the spot the possibilities of establishing the desired arrangements.

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*8. It was indicated that [REDACTED] should be assigned to work in the Western Europe Branch of D/GG rather than in the Near East-Africa Branch, as had previously been planned.

9. Paragraph 13 of the minutes of the Staff Meeting of 25 January should be amended to indicate that [REDACTED] recommends that any proposed telephone call to the supervisor of a prospective employee be cleared in advance, as a matter of regular procedure, with the ORR Placement Officer in the Placement and Utilization Division.

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